

Report to the Kentucky Library Association Board  
Immediate Past President  
November 12, 2011  
Louisville, Kentucky

## Round Tables

*African American Librarians & Library Employees Round Table:* During the September 28, 2011 KLA Board Meeting, the AALLERT Chair moved to dissolve AALLERT based upon research conducted throughout the year. In accordance with KLA's policy on the Dissolution of a Round Table, the Round Table membership was notified of this impending action for their input. The policy can be found in *The Blue Book*, Section 27.6 Dissolution of a Round Table, located on our website, [www.klaonline.org](http://www.klaonline.org). I have attached a copy of the letter, which included the required Opinion Form, that was emailed to the AALLERT membership October 20, 2011 and a copy of the Opinion Form results email that was emailed to the AALLERT membership November 8, 2011.

The results of the Opinion Form regarding the dissolution of the African American Librarians & Library Employees Round Table were:

- Out of 11 members, 4 responded:
  - 3 to Dissolve
  - 1 to Retain

I will contact the Strategic Planning & Organizational Review Chair to make the necessary changes to the Blue Book.

*Genealogy & Local History, Government Documents, Information Technology, Resource Sharing, and Youth Services Round Tables:* These Round Tables currently do not have a Chair-Elect.

*Library Support Staff Round Table:* This Round Table currently does not have a Chair.

I will be working with the Round Tables to brain storm ideas to make the Round Tables more active and visible to our members, including recruiting leadership. If anyone has any suggestions for a Chair or Chair-Elect or ideas on how to revitalize interest in our Round Tables, please let me know.

Respectfully Submitted,

Leoma Dunn  
President  
Kentucky Library Association

# *Kentucky Library Association*

October 19, 2011

Dear African American Librarian & Library Round Table Members:

The 2010-2011 AALLERT Chair, Constance Ard spent the year analyzing the effectiveness and necessity for the African American Librarians and Library Employee Round Table. She held conversations with the founding members of the Round Table and the 2010-2011 Chair of the Recruiting, Mentoring, & Diversity (RMD) Committee.

Ms. Ard also reviewed the existing KLA structure for the RMD Committee and concluded that the committee has a similar mission to the work that was conducted by AALLERT. In addition, the Minority Scholarship Committee also has a mission to promote diversity within KLA and the library profession.

Ms. Ard conducted a survey of the KLA membership in September 2011 to quantify the interest in and value from AALLERT to the KLA Membership. She has provided the results to the KLA Board and can be made available to the KLA membership as requested.

The conclusion of these activities according to the Annual Report of the Round Table to the KLA Board was: "The research, review and survey stand to justify that a separate Round Table that has had several years of challenges in funding, support, participation and leadership recruitment is no longer a valuable component of KLA."

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Below you will find an Opinion Form offering the following options: to dissolve the Round Table or to retain the Round Table. Please respond by November 4, 2011. If you have any questions, please contact me or Terry Buckner, President.

Thank you,

Leoma Dunn  
Immediate Past President  
Kentucky Library Association

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Please return your vote by Friday, November 4, 2011 by mail or email to:

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\_\_\_\_\_ I vote to **dissolve** the African American Librarians & Library Employees Round Table.

\_\_\_\_\_ I vote to **retain** the African American Librarians & Library Employees Round Table.

Dear AALLERT Members:

The results of the Opinion Form regarding the dissolution of the African American Librarians & Library Employees Round Table that was sent to you via email October 19, 2011 were:

Out of 11 members, 4 responded:

3 to Dissolve

1 to Retain

By the action of the KLA Board of Directors on September 28, 2011 and the AALLERT membership response to the Opinion Form, the African American Librarians & Library Employees Round Table of the Kentucky Library Association has been dissolved in accordance to KLA policies and procedures as outlined in The Blue Book.

Thank you,

Leoma Dunn  
Immediate Past President  
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